(*a*) whether they are aware of the scracity of small coins for circulation in the State ;

(*b*) whether any fresh copper coins have been minted for meeting this situation ; and

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken for preventing the hoarding of small coins ?

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. New copper coins are being minted and issued from 25-5-1118.

(*c*) Yes. The honourable member's attention is invited to the Press Communique issued under date 11-1-1943/27-5-1118, a copy of which is placed on the table.*

Silver and copper coins.

5. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they noticed in the people a tendency to hoard silver and copper coins ; and

(*b*) if so, what steps they have taken to check that tendency?

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The honourable member's attention is invited to the answer given to part (*c*) of interpellation No. 4 [26.]

Hoarding of copper and silver coins.

6. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether hoarding of copper and silver coins is punishable in Travancore ?

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar : Yes, under Rule 29 of the Defence of Travancore Rules. The honourable member's attention is also invited to the Press Communique issued under date 11th January 1943 (27th Dhanu 1118).

Fee concessions in schools.

7. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether it is a convention that fee concession once granted to a pupil in any one section is allowed to be enjoyed by that pupil till the end of the course, unless he forfeits it as per fee concession rules ;

(*b*) whether headmasters of schools are competent to withdraw and award it to another pupil before the end of the course on the ground that the latter is poorer ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of cases

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